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SUBJECT: U.S. STRETCH FORM PRESS TO USSR IL 1081

REF: (A) PARIS 11384 AND (B) PARIS 10111

1. IN ANSWER TO UK QUESTION IN PARA 1 OF REFTEL (B)
USDEL SHOULD STATE THAT STRETCH-FORMING PRESSES ARE NOT
OFF-THE-SHELF EQUIPMENT ITEMS BUT ARE ONE-OF-A-TYPE MADE
ACCORDING TO CUSTOMER SPECIFICATIONS AND, CONSEQUENTLY,
ARE NOT SERIALY PRODUCED ACCORDING TO MODEL NUMBERS.
THEREFORE THEY CANNOT BE DATED AS CAN AUTOMOBILES OR OTHER
MASS-PRODUCED COMMODITIES. THE ESSENTIAL TECHNOLOGY AND
APPLIED MECHANICAL PRINCIPLES OF THE STRETCH AND FORM
PROCESS GO BACK TO WORLD WAR II DAYS BUT, IN OUR VIEW,
REMAIN STATE-OF-THE-ART, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE
ANCILLARY CONTROL FEATURES ARE OF A MORE MODERN AND
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SOPHISTICATED NATURE.

2. US DEL SHOULD BE AWARE IN ANSWERING THIS QUESTION, THAT
THE BRITISH MAY HAVE IN MIND THEIR 1974-75 LIST REVIEW PRO-
POSAL TO DELETE 1081, WHICH RESULTED IN A COMPROMISE LEAD-
ING TO THE PRESENT AEN TO 1081. THE BRITISH MAY POINT OUT
THAT, UNDER THE 10-YEAR CRITERIA OF THAT NOTE, THE CYRIL

BATH PRESS IS NOT REALLY THAT STRATEGICALLY SIGNIFICANT.
IF SUCH IS THE CASE, USDEL SHOULD REMIND THAT COMMITTEE
REVIEW IS REQUIRED PRIOR TO 1081 EQUIPMENT BECOMING
ELIGIBLE FOR AEN TREATMENT AND THAT FACTORS OTHER THAN
MERE AGE -- SUCH AS STATE-OF-THE-ART -- MUST RECEIVE CLOSE
SCRUTINY.

3. THE FRENCH TECHNICAL DISCOURSE IN PARA 3 OF REFTTEL
B IS BEING REVIEWED. WE SEEK INTERAGENCY REVIEW ON THIS,
AS WELL AS CLARIFICATION OF THE POSSIBLE CONFUSION OF THE
FRENCH OVER PRESSES INVOLVED IN THIS DISCOURSE, SINCE
"HONEYCOMBING" WAS NOT PART OF THE CB PACKAGE.

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